



Referendum Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Martock Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **6 May 2021**.

The Referendum area covers the whole of the Parish of Martock. A map of the Referendum area is included in the Neighbourhood Plan and is available at <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/> or in person, along with other relevant documents (details below).

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

‘Do you want South Somerset District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Martock to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’

Entitlement to vote

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on 6th May 2021,

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person’s qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in respect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

Referendum expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply to the Referendum is £2583.43. This is based on a sum of £2362 plus 5.9p per registered elector.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been set is 3753.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

Specified documents

A number of "specified documents" have to be published; these provide information about the Martock Neighbourhood Plan and the Planning system in general. The specified documents can be viewed here

<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-plan-and-strategies/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>

If you are unable to view the documents associated with the referendum via the internet, a copy of the specified documents may be collected in person at the following:

- South Somerset District Council Offices, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT
(Opening hours: 8.45 am - 5.15 pm (Mon - Thur) and 8.45 am – 4.45pm (Fri))

Due to the current Covid-19 related restrictions, access to the Council's offices are limited, so collection in person of the specified documents must be made by prior appointment by ringing 01935 462462.

Questions

If you have any queries regarding voting at the Referendum, please contact a member of the Elections Team at elections@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01935 462462.

Dated: Wednesday 24th March 2021